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PREPARATION FOR YEARLY MEETING

ARRANGEMENTS

The FRIENDS BULLETIN has been unable this year to obtain a detailed schedule for the sessions of Yearly Meeting to be held this year in Berkeley. The daily schedule for the week is as follows:

Monday, August 14

10:00 Young Friends Conference convenes at Hidden Villa Ranch, Los Altos. Adjourns after breakfast, Wednesday morning.

Tuesday, August 15

5:00 Education Conference convenes at Hidden Villa Ranch, Los Altos. Paper bag supper. This conference will adjourn Thursday noon.

Wednesday, August 16

Tour for young Friends of Bay Area.

Thursday, August 17

9:00 Meeting of the Representative Committee. Berkeley Friends Meeting House, Walnut and Vine Streets, Berkeley, Calif.

2:00 Registration and assignment of rooms.

7:30 Opening session of Pacific Yearly Meeting.

Friday, August 18

9:00 Second session.

There are no planned afternoon sessions, except the closing session.

7:30 Third session.

Saturday, August 19

9:00 Fourth session.

7:30 Fifth session.

Sunday, August 20

11:00 Meeting for worship.

2:00 Closing session.

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The opportunity which is provided by leaving to the meeting of the Representative Committee the assignment of subject matter for the several sessions is an opportunity to free those sessions of the burden of much business and report hearing. It is hoped that whole sessions might center on one or more of such themes as the following: What makes a good Friends' meeting for worship? What is the basis of membership among Friends? What is involved in the establishment of a Monthly Meeting? What next steps in the development of a common discipline should we take? What is the living relationship between our Meetings?

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JOHN STEVENSON will help again on food arrangements, so that kitchen work and preparation will be shared by all. First meal will be served on Friday noon, and representatives arriving on Wednesday and Thursday will have meals with their hosts. We will have use of a church kitchen one block south of the Berkeley Meeting House.

FROM THE CLERK

"I feel we need a deepening corporate sense of the guidance of the Inner Light and a whole-hearted dedication to following it. This is to be realized before any concerns are considered." This thought that Martha Vallance wrote last year in preparation for our Yearly Meeting seems echoed in expressions I have heard of Friends' wishes this year. We want to feel a sense of oneness and of belonging to the Universe. And from that sense of union enthusiasm for our various concerns will arise. Our diversities will increase our strength if we can maintain a sense of inclusive unity.

Preparation for Yearly Meeting in this deepest sense began for each of us a long time ago and will never end. Even if we are aware that we have not done our parts as well as we could and should have done, we can still ask patiently, humbly, meekly and with obedient resignation for the Guidance in how to "Walk *cheerfully* over the earth *answering* to that of God in every man."

One of William Penn's wise insights is pertinent to our problem. I am glad it was included among the treasured papers exhibited in the Freedom Train which toured the United States not very long ago. "If men (I hope he meant the term to include women) be good, the government cannot be bad." That holds, of course, whether the institution about which we may at any time be primarily concerned is a World Government, our Yearly Meeting or our individual Monthly Meeting. It is the highest duty and priceless privilege of each of us to search diligently for the Trail and then resolutely climb the mountain. We believe there is a sense in which the pure in heart see God and each of us has at times been aware that where the Spirit of the Lord is there is obedience and liberty, release from obstructing fear and other ego-centric limitations, to do what is right, true and kind. We can be children of the Light if we wish and work earnestly enough for that glorious goal.

I was deeply impressed recently when Robert Vogel reported a statement by A. J. Muste in a Peace Institute to the effect that if we will be earnestly enough concerned about *means* we can confidently leave the *ends* in God's care. But we can help each other with means if we will think together and share our beneficial experiences regarding prayer and worship and our ideas about Friends purposes and practices. Winifred Rawlins appropriately reminded those of us who attended the Yearly Meeting in Seattle in 1948 that our meetings for Business

as well as our meetings for Worship ought to seek to follow the guidance of the Christ within.

Preparation for the coming session of our Yearly Meeting will be facilitated if in each monthly meeting the Organization Committee's Report approved at the Yearly Meeting in Palo Alto on August 23, 1947 is reviewed and discussed. It was on that date that Pacific Yearly Meeting was established. The Organization Committee's Report as approved there now serves as the beginning of our Discipline. We may want to make changes in it or add to it and thus move forward in the formulation of a Discipline suitable to our needs. It is a wholesome exercise for Friends to formulate with care statements of belief and practice on which they are at the time agreed. The Organization Committee's Report was published in the September 1947 BULLETIN.

As stated in the approved plan of organization each monthly meeting shall appoint two members of the Representative Committee. The Representative Committee will meet in Berkeley this year for one day in advance of the opening session of the Yearly Meeting. Members of the families of members of that committee and others who care to do so will be welcome to attend the meeting of the Representatives. The more we can be together and think and work on concerns that we share the more we shall be united in and to the things that are eternal.

Come to Berkeley prepared to share the concerns of your meeting and of your own so that we can promptly become acquainted with each other or renew old ties and reach a feeling of genuine fellowship.

EUBANKS CARNSER, Clerk

REPORT OF YEARLY MEETING EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Most of the California members of the Yearly Meeting Education Committee enjoyed an all day meeting at the Vine St. Meeting House in Berkeley on April 3, 1950. Present were: Barbara Kennedy, Lafayette and Mayme Noda, Mary Jorgenson, Mary Ella Martine, Walt Raitt, Sara Crosbie, John Penery, Ed Sanders, John Way, Robert Boyd.

Dates suggested for Yearly Meeting activities outside of the previously set Yearly Meeting dates are as follows:
August 14-15.....Young Friends Conference
August 15-17.....Friends Education Conference

Part of the committee's time was spent in consideration of methods we employ in Yearly Meeting. We felt that we arrived at a sense of unity in these matters and the committee asked me to write this letter for the consideration of the Representative Committee.

Minutes of our committee on the subject follow:

"This committee has a responsibility for helping the Yearly Meeting group feel well enough knit together so that we may speak to concerns. (The group felt that all too often the level of Yearly Meeting activities has remained on surface details rather than issuing from the sense of concern of a group of Friends knit together in a fellowship of the light).

"We are primarily concerned with the processes used in Yearly Meeting rather than with the agenda.

"We expect that there will be more young Friends at Yearly Meeting along with older Friends. It is suggested that when necessary, the meetings generally be divided on the basis of interest rather than age range.

"Work camp experience in singing suggests the value of such exercises at many sessions of Yearly Meeting.

Social games during the opening sessions were suggested as a means of sharing our whole personalities and opening the way to a more adequate sharing of concerns to the Glory of God and the Brotherhood of man. Mention was made of the deadlines of reports in general sessions with the hope that the mimeograph might ease this problem.

"Early American Yearly Meetings by their cooperative style provided a natural setting for the family and for family cooperation that we need in our Yearly Meeting. Simple accommodations at a place like Quaker Cove or Ben Lomond would help to develop this fellowship today. A beginning for this year could be in the continuation of cooperative food preparation and in the development of back yard camping for families in Bay area members homes."

Members of the Education Committee could see plenty of competent leadership available for any activities requiring direction, and stand ready to offer assistance to the representative committee in any way possible.

ROBERT BOYD
Chairman, Education Committee

TO THE EDITOR:

Last week I read an amazing book: *The Case of General Yamashita* by Captain A. Frank Reel, U.S. lawyer who was appointed as one of the defense counsel on the "case" because he "did not want the job."

The book is a graphic account of a violation of "Anglo-Saxon law" by an American commission of five generals. It reveals a travesty on justice—a sham trial—a predetermined verdict—an officially condoned lynching. Twelve men representing American, British and Australian journals and news services, "who had not missed a moment of the proceedings" of General Tomoyuki Yamashita's "trial" were polled in a secret ballot. The question was: "Having heard all the evidence, if you were on the commission would you vote to hang Yamashita?" The vote was 12 to 0, "No." General Yamashita was hanged on the twenty-third day of February, 1946.

Are we concerned about what is going on in the world in the name of "justice" under the direction of our military caste? Every American citizen should read Mr. Reel's book, published recently by the University of Chicago Press. It is catalogued in the Stanford University Library, in the Hoover Library and, doubtless, in other libraries across the country.

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Menlo Park, California

Births:

BRIAN RONALD, 6/10 50, to Loretta and Richard Anderson, 2440 Ashby, Berkeley, California.

CARMEN, 6/22/50, to Dolores and Tom Johnson, Chambon-sur-Lignon, Haute Loire, France.

KATHLEEN DEBORAH, 6/14/50, to Rosalie and Dan Wilson, 9516 East Dork, Pico, Calif.

Married:

MARY LOUISE CARUS to MUHSIN SAYYID MAHDI, 6/24/50, at Benton Harbor, Michigan. At home, Twin Oaks Road, Peru, Illinois.

CHESTER and BETTY KEENEY (13890 Sayre Street, San Fernando, Calif.) have developed the "Savor Garden" from which they are retailing and wholesaling herb plants for those who want to grow fresh herb seasonings at home in vegetable or flower garden. With a present list of 18 different herbs, the Keeneys pack and mail postpaid the individual plants in 3 inch pots and are able to provide larger plants and plants in quantity.

MEETINGS

NOTES ON WILLAMETTE VALLEY RETREAT

Those who know Gilbert Kilpack will understand how grateful Friends in the northwest are for his visit in May and June, made possible by the Friends Fellowship Council, the AFSC and Pendle Hill where he serves as Extension Secretary. In addition to visits in homes in the Willamette Valley, Gilbert met with twelve Friends and others who attend our Meetings for an all-day conference-retreat at the Danns' in Corvallis, Oregon. This gave us an opportunity to learn about our friend's concern and to consider in a worshipful spirit some questions about the direction we want our lives to take.

We started with a consideration of the purpose of this kind of retreat. It is to withdraw temporarily, in order to seek truth which will answer the needs of the world. As we analyze our lives and times we are led to a sense of repentance and desire for reformation. Secularism does not provide the answer because it aims to bring about order in the world without relating its work to a belief in man's eternal nature. The Christian alternative is to discover the fundamental purpose behind our lives and to base reform on our belief in the fact that man has an eternal spirit as well as a mind and a body. If we ask ourselves—what is man?—we shall realize that social reform is not enough. We want to know also how man can be inwardly reformed. There are countless others who would share in this search if they were not victims of a world that conspires through advertising, television, the news etc., to make man forget what he really is. These channels speak to us as if we were hardly more than animals to be entertained.

A natural starting-point in our search is to face ourselves before God, expressing to Him our feeling of repentance for our weaknesses and failures, and to ask for His help in reforming our lives. St. Francois de Sales recommends this order of meditation as a valuable procedure in the beginning of prayer. [See *Introduction to the Devout Life*.] After the reading aloud of a general confession from *The Way of a Pilgrim*, a Russian work, the group spent a period in silent worship.

In the afternoon we considered other matters pertaining to religion; among them some of the signs of spiritual progress against which we can check our own condition. Briefly, there are five of these considerations: 1) A feeling of discontent about our inward life and a desire to be something better and higher. This dissatisfaction with ourselves should increase our humility but not cause disquietude of mind. 2) A regular effort to make a fresh start. This means that we are always making new beginnings and renewing our intention to live for the glory of God. 3) The conviction that we must do some definite thing such as trying to acquire the habit of a particular virtue. 4) A strong feeling that God wants us to serve Him in a particular way. 5) An increasing desire for greater perfection. These are helpful points to consider following our confession and resolutions and may encourage us

in our spiritual growth. They are suggested in a book by Frederick Faber.

In the evening session attended by a larger group of Friends, we were impressed especially with two references which should lead to prayerful thought. The first was a query posed by the speaker: Are our Meetings for worship "covered" by the Spirit that brings unity, and do seekers have an awareness of this when they seek God in our fellowship? The second was a reference to William Penn's *Rise and Progress of the Society of Friends* in which the early Friend urges repentance from dead works, or any occupation not performed under the leading of the Inward Light, and calls us to serve the living God. He also beckons us to perfection, to be accomplished not by stopping at each step or following an absolutely straight line, but keeping before us a general intention to follow God's will through faith and charity. And third, Penn believes that we should have a sense of eternal judgment that affects the way we live—not as if this span were the extent of our lives.

Other questions arose during our gathering that could not be resolved in a day. They showed how much yearning there is for such opportunities of individual and group searching. We hope there may be other retreats and that they will be a helpful supplement to our regular Meetings for worship and our individual periods of prayer.

B. FREEMAN

NEW MEXICO MEETING

"Having been appointed as a visitation committee of one, it was my pleasure accompanied by my husband, Gustave, to attend the newly formed Meeting at Albuquerque which is affiliated with our Santa Fe Meeting.

"Our Meetings in New Mexico are few and far between, and we had to leave about seven-thirty to arrive at Meeting at 9:30 Sunday Morning. There are generally about fifteen attending though this morning only about nine of us. The home of one of the members is the place of meeting and is just off the campus, although few of the students attend I was told, a better opportunity for students to jump from the bed to the pew could hardly be found in this location! Josiah Russell of Old Friends stock from Indiana and his wife are members. Josiah is Professor of History at the University of New Mexico.

"In Taos in lovely Thorne House five or six meet together with Peggy and Fermor Church Sunday mornings at eleven o'clock for Silent Worship together. The last time we attended that meeting we were late in arriving and found them at 11:30 tuning in to "Invitation to Learning" program to hear the discussion of "George Fox Journal", and with another silence the meeting was concluded.

"From our Santa Fe Meeting a group has been formed from some of the Service clubs and the church groups with two Catholics joining us and stimulating study has been going on for over a month on the Proposals for Peace made at the instigation of the American Friends Service Committee. And as our little cells though far apart are stirred even tho' in 'the invisible molecular moral forces that work from individual to individual' we may find that in time they will be 'rending the hardest monuments of man's pride', as William James said."

JANE BAUMANN
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Santa Fe, New Mexico

EUGENE MEETING

FRANCIS and ALAN DART (1315 East 13th St., Eugene, Oregon) will direct an A.F.S.C. work camp in Bridgeton, N.J. this summer. Two college students, BARBARA JOSLIN and JANE TERRY, regular attenders at Meeting will also be leaving for the year-round work camp in Mexico. Since Barbara and Jane are both graduating from the University the Meeting will miss them very much and feel richer for having had them in attendance.

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RIVERSIDE—REDLANDS MEETING

Other Meeting losses to A.F.S.C. work are felt by Riverside and Redlands as BETTY and OLIN TILLOTSON (forwarding address: 85 Broadway, Fort Edward, New York) who at the latest word would be flying on July 1st for an A.F.S.C. camp in Austria. While abroad they hope to meet and visit at some length HERB and ELEANOR FOSTER who have recently transferred their membership to the Vienna Meeting. They went with the Q.I.V.S. program last year and stayed in order to permit Herb to study at the University of Vienna.

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WOOLMAN HOUSE

"In the four years since we opened Woolman House sixty-six persons have been our guests for periods ranging from one week to about two and a half years. They have included 24 American white, 9 Chinese and Chinese-American, 7 American Negro, 6 Japanese-American, 4 Filipino, 3 German and German-American, 2 Mexican, 2 French, and one each of Korean-American, Trinidad, Panama, Puerto Rican, English, Swiss, Russian, Armenian and India (Bombay). Of these eight are of Jewish descent. Many who have been here less than a week are not included in the above tally. Most have been students. Contact with all these has been enjoyable and has helped to keep us young." ROBERT and MARGARET SIMKIN, Woolman House, 1932 W. 36th St., Los Angeles 7, Calif.

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BERKELEY MEETING TO THE REGENTS

To the Board of Regents of University of California, Berkeley, California:

"The Berkeley Meeting of the Society of Friends (Quakers) feels impelled to express the serious concern with which it notes the recent action of the Board of Regents of the University of California in prescribing a political test as a condition of employment for its faculty and other personnel.

"A tenet basic to democracy and to the dignity of the human spirit is the unquestioned right of every individual to his own beliefs in political and religious matters, to be held, expressed or not expressed, freely and without fear of reprisal. The freedom of the minority to disagree with the majority, and to be protected in this disagreement, is the essence of civil liberty in a democracy. No 'crisis' can justify forsaking this right which does not justify the surrendering of democracy itself. We cannot purchase security by the sale of freedom.

"The freedom of the teacher to hold opinion, to see the truth without fear, and to speak fearlessly, is an essential base for the education of the people on which democracy must depend for survival. Loyalty to these obligations should be the sole test of competence, and these freedoms cannot be preserved by denying them to particular groups. Political oaths, or hearings which violate the privacy of the individual, are both repugnant to free scholarship and to democratic process. The use of faculty personnel to effectuate the policy seems especially unfortunate.

"That any individual or group in a democracy should assume the mantle of infallibility in prescribing what political or religious ideas shall be considered 'acceptable' is both surprising and regrettable. The loss of freedom is equally tragic whether it occurs under communism, fascism, or in the name of democracy.

"It is the hope of this Meeting that the Regents and the President of the University of California may find it possible to reconsider a policy which may well destroy a great center of learning."

ANNA E. JAMES, Clerk

VICTORIA MONTHLY MEETING

The Victoria Friends have been keeping in close touch with events which affect the Dukhobors in our province largely through the loving labors of their member, DAISY PRIESTMAN. The Hilliers Settlement on Vancouver Island covering 320 acres, the branch known as the Elders of the Spiritual Community of Christ, are in close contact with her, and she has helped them in so many ways, for so many years, that they would like to show their gratitude by building her a house on their ground where she and her husband, David, might live on his imminent retirement.

While we do not condone the wilful destruction of property and nude parading as practiced by the small minority of their sect known as the Sons of Freedom whose settlement is on the mainland of British Columbia, at least their motive of drawing attention to the increasing militarism of the world with its inevitable result of war is a commendable one. Civil Disobedience is the only weapon acceptable to these ardent pacifists.

Aside from this aspect their lives are most Christian, clean, thrifty loving, prayerful and very happy. The way they care for their aged and young members whether related or not would put most communities to shame.

Another of our Monthly Meeting's members, KATHLEEN BELL, brought a concern to our recent meeting, a letter from two imprisoned Dukhobors begging that Friends try to arrange for their deportation to another country where they might farm in peace. Its child-like faith that we could move governments was touching. Doubtless if they were not pacifists they would be more acceptable elsewhere.

We feel that EMMET GULLEY will be of great help living amongst them and we shall give him all the support we can in this most needed undertaking . . . We are fervently hoping that some of our members will get down to enjoy Yearly Meeting.

Victoria Monthly Meeting
1829 Fern St., Victoria, B.C.

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PHOENIX MEETING

Phoenix Friends Meeting sends affectionate greetings and prayerful wishes for a bountiful expression of God's will and purpose at Pacific Yearly Meeting.

We are moved at this time to make acknowledgement of our deep appreciation for the indispensable assistance and encouragement received from Pacific Friends in organizing a Friends group in this community. And it seems fitting that we make particular mention of the fact that our very first Meeting for Worship came as a direct result of the efforts of Robert Vogel (Orange Grove Meeting) during a weekend visit last November.

In view of the above-mentioned circumstances we feel moved to suggest that thought and consideration be given to methods whereby this type of ministry may be further encouraged and strengthened. It is our belief that great good may be gained by including this concern within the orbit of our collective efforts. This will naturally call for an increased awareness and watching-out for good Quakers, and like-minded folk, in need of organized Christian fellowship. And, once such individuals have been found or spotted, we believe some means should be provided for assistance and encouragement. As a Meeting reporting to American Friends Fellowship Council, we are aware of the fine work already being done in this field. However, chiefly because of the problems imposed by the distance between Philadelphia and this area, it seems logical that their efforts could be strengthened by the cooperation of concerned Friends who are able to make personal contacts where there is apparent need for organization.

CHARLES A. KELLY
Clerk

CALLS FOR YEARLY MEETING WEEK

PILGRIMAGE TO MECCA—YOUNG FRIENDS

Purpose: To provide transportation, combined with education, fun, fellowship and creative visiting for any Young Friends (high school or college age, but not necessarily members of Friends' Meetings) who are interested in attending Pacific Yearly Meeting and the Young Friends Conference.

Thursday, August 10. At 5:00 P.M. meet at the Ways' home, 612 N. Sunset Blvd., Temple City. Supper, pack cars and leave. Refreshment and fellowship stop at Keeney-Hare-Von Seggern-Bailey place in San Fernando.

Friday, August 11. Camp at Tuolumne Co-op Farm, Modesto. Cook breakfast, sleep, loaf, swim, visit, work, prepare meals, camp here Friday night.

Saturday, August 12. After lunch to Tracy: supper, folk dance.

Sunday, August 13. Participate in Tracy Meeting and afternoon activities as planned by hosts.

Monday, August 14. To Hidden Villa. Young Friends Conference, 10:00 A.M. through Wednesday breakfast.

Wednesday, August 16. Sociological tour of Bay Area, visiting Friends Work Camp in Richmond, Co-op stores and wholesale, city jail, etc.

Thursday, August 17. Attend and participate fully in Yearly Meeting, not as a Young Friends group meeting separately, but as a part of the whole, sharing hospitality and costs as arranged by Yearly Meeting. Through Sunday night, August 20.

Monday, August 21. To Porters' in Grass Valley.

Tuesday, August 22. Two day camping in High Sierras.

Thursday, August 24. Return home.

Estimated Cost per Person: Food—\$1.50 per day for 15 days. Travel—probably not over 1,500 miles to be figured at 5c per mile per car and shared co-operatively. It is obviously impossible to state the total cost of the trip at this time. Those wishing to sign up for only part of the whole trip will necessarily have to pay a greater proportion of cost than indicated by actual mileage and time involved.

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The way in which we spend the last four or five days is subject to change according to suggestions from those interested in the trip. One extreme would be to go straight home, planning to get to Temple City Tuesday morning and thereby cutting costs. The other extreme might make the most of the High Sierra camping time even to climbing Mt. Whitney or allowing part of the group to try it and then plan to get home Friday, August 25. This would increase both food and transportation costs and necessitate careful advance preparation.

JOHN W. WAY, JR.
612 North Sunset Blvd.
Temple City, California

PACIFIC OAKS FRIENDS SCHOOL

Pacific Oaks Friends School, 714 West California, Pasadena has a mid-week meeting for worship each Thursday morning at 11:00. This is under the care of the Committee of Ministry and Counsel of Orange Grove Meeting.

MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

MAY M. JONES (5527 Kimbark Avenue, Chicago 37, Illinois) of 57th Street Meeting writes encouragingly of her interest in the BULLETIN and that she has "... a sort of sentimental interest, too, because your forebears ... were Joel and Hannah Bean, who lived in my childhood

EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Friends realize that true education is a continuous search together on the part of teacher and pupil, parent and child, mature and less mature. With this testimony in mind, those concerned with Friends education have felt a need to meet.

The Education Committee of Yearly Meeting has planned this conference around the theme; *Growing Inside Out*, with a dual emphasis:

- 1) the ways we teach by example, as individuals and meetings;
- 2) methods of communicating our faith in Friends principles and testimonies to the children in our Meetings.

During the first part of the conference, we hope to discover how we may use the insights into the nature of our inner lives as valuable tools in self-education. In this area we plan to have the assistance of resource people with medical and psychiatric training.

The second part will deal with the faith we live by and how we communicate it to children; methods and materials for our first-day schools. In this connection we hope to have a laboratory experiment by having our children at the conference in class-situations as part of their experience along with recreation etc.

It is hoped that Monthly Meetings will give consideration to the importance of such a conference and assist in sending representatives to bring both the experiences and problems of local meetings. Some probing queries about ourselves and what we are trying to teach and how, might well be phrased and brought as a basis for discussion. Is my participation in meeting for worship a living experience? What do I teach my children about prayer? Are our children's lives any different because of our First-day schools? These questions indicate the nature of the queries we have in mind.

PLACE: Hidden Villa Ranch, Los Altos, California
TIME: 5 P.M., August 15th until noon August 17th. Bring a bag supper for the evening of August 15th.

COST: Overnight accommodation (very simple), 50c per person. Bring bedding, nights are cool. Meals, on a cooperative preparation basis: Approximately 30c a meal per person. Less for tiny children.

RESERVATIONS: Should be made early if possible. Families are most welcome. Hidden Villa is a wonderful place for children. Use poison oak shots if you believe in them.

Write:

LAFAYETTE NODA
24 Homer Lane
Menlo Park, Calif.

neighborhood, and my father and uncles attended the little school in their home on 'Science Hill' when youths. There are records in the Meeting minutes there (Springdale Monthly Meeting, Iowa) of their spiritual development which seemed to the other Friends there to be in a dangerous direction, of the Meeting committees which visited them, etc. . . I was too young at that time to understand what it was about—I may even not remember it, but only know of it from hearing about it later."

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CHASE CONOVER, (45 N. Sycamore Ave., Pasadena 8, Calif.) recommends to BULLETIN readers the reprint in the *American Friend* (June 22, 1950, p. 205) of a brief article, "Caution to Quakers" written by Hiram Hilty originally for the Penn Teacher. In a few well chosen words this article calls attention to the Quaker sin of assuming "virtue by association"—

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MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

JOE, TERRY and LUCIA HAVENS are on the staff of Pendle Hill as assistant counselors to Fritz Kunkel. On their return this fall Terry will teach a course in World's Living Religions at U. S. C.

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Other news at Pendle Hill is the appointment of DAN WILSON to the position of Administrative Secretary, a position formerly held by HAINES TURNER. Dan leaves his present responsibilities as acting executive secretary of the A.F.S.C. in Pasadena on the 1st of August and will begin at Pendle Hill Sept. 1.

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From Gate, Oklahoma, WALTER LEWIS writes appreciatively of BULLETIN news and the developments in Gate community during the past 2 years. "The C.P.S. boys are back in the community and all married except my son, Gordon. He gets his degree at Ames this spring and is home now. Harvest is a very small matter this year since the green-bugs destroyed about 90% of the wheat in this area this spring. . . . For the last 2 years the Gate community has taken part in a Rural Progress contest sponsored by the extension department of the Oklahoma A. and M. College and . . . *The Farmer-Stockman*. The first year the state was divided in 4 districts and Gate was 1st in the northwest district. The second year the state was judged as a whole and Gate placed 4th. About 70 families were cooperating in the effort. Improvements . . . included soil conservation, farm and household equipment, landscaping, roads, communications, schools, churches, live-

stock improvement, crops and co-operative enterprises . . . If any of you people are driving East in the future we would be glad to have you stop and visit us."

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BILL GROSS ((2241-A Pacific Avenue, Alameda, Calif.) writes of the newly formed Society for Social Responsibility in Science. In September, 1949, a group of scientists, deeply concerned at the increasing use of science for destructive ends, met at Haverford, Penna., to consider ways of fostering "throughout the world a functioning co-operative tradition of personal moral responsibility for the consequences for humanity of professional activity, . . . to embody in this tradition the principle that the individual must abstain from destructive work and devote himself to constructive work, drawing the line between the two according to his own moral judgment; . . . to ascertain through open and free discussion the boundary between constructive and destructive work to serve as a guide for individual and group decisions and action . . ."

Through an employment service and a strong education program, a membership open to all men and women of all countries educated in the field of pure or applied science including medicine and engineering, S.S.R.S. is eager to increase its membership. Members of the current council include a number of persons known to Friends: VICTOR PASCHKIS, President; WILLIAM T. SCOTT, Chairman of Education Division and the person to send you further information (64 Kensington Ave., Northampton, Mass.); VINCENT W. COCHRANE, Treas.-Sec.; and JAMES G. VAIL.

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New comers this year to Billings, Montana (407 N. 33rd St.,) are DONALD and LUCILE ERDMAN with their daughter JOYCE, about a year old. The Erdmans were members of Florida Avenue Meeting in Washington, D.C. and Don is a fishery biologist. Interested in boating, camping, fishing and square dancing it would be nice if they would practice these in California en route to Yearly Meeting!

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A welcome bit of news is from RICHARD PETHERBRIDGE (4413 So. Broadway, Los Angeles 37, Calif.) that he is announcing "the opening of offices for the practice of law". Those who know Dick since his C.P.S. days will remember that through all the many good causes in which he helped so vigorously he was steadily pointing to this legal achievement.

RUSSELL and ANN MCARTHUR write from Central Washington College of Education, Ellensburg, Wash., where Russell is in the division of science and mathematics, that they have a group about once a month for a Friends' type of meeting, but they miss contact with the larger meetings in Seattle and elsewhere.

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